

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowance dated December 23, 2010, Applicants noted that claims 1, 20, 24, 27, 36-37, and 40 contain certain typographical and/or antecedent basis errors. Accordingly, in this amendment, claims 1, 20, 24, 27, 36-37, and 40 are amended to correct these typographical and/or antecedent basis errors. Applicants have not added or changed the scope of the allowed claims. Applicants request that the above amended claims be entered pursuant to 37 CFR §1.312.

1. Why the amendment is needed

The Amendment is needed to correct certain typographical and/or antecedent basis errors in some of the claims.

2. Why the proposed amended claims require no additional search or examination

The Examiner has already stated in the Notice of Allowance that all the claims as provided are allowed. The Amendment does not introduce new subject matter and correcting the typographical and/or antecedent basis errors in some of the claims does not change the scope of the claims and therefore requires no additional search.

3. Why the claims are patentable

The Examiner has already stated that the claims as provided above are allowable. Applicants have not added or changed the scope of the allowed claims. Therefore, the claims are patentable.

4. Why the claims were not presented earlier

Upon receiving the Notice of Allowance, Applicants recognized some of the claims require amendments to correct certain typographical and/or antecedent basis errors. Therefore, this amendment is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.312.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the amendment to the claims above be entered pursuant to §1.312. Applicants have submitted all known required fees and petitions. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no additional fees, petitions for extensions of time, other petitions, and/or other forms of relief are required for the submission of this Amendment. However, in the unlikely event that the Commissioner determines that additional fees, petitions for extensions of time, other petitions, and/or other forms of relief are required, Applicants hereby make such petitions as are required, request such extensions of time and other forms of relief as are required, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions for extensions of time, other petitions, and/or other forms of relief to **Deposit Account No. 50-3804**, referencing **APLE.P0036**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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